



3 year+ research project: January 1996 to March 1999

#### Objectives:

Make two years of half hourly data available (1996 and 1997)

Allow the user to:

look at variations over Europe

select a site in an easy way

define his own parameters/ his own statistics

Provide application examples (daylighting to start with...)



## Expected use of the data

Design of daylighting systems

Design of solar controls

Design of solar collectors

Analysis of demand of electricity

Materials degradation

Agriculture

Marine biomass evolution...

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## **SATELLIGHT** coverage of Europe

Meteosat image of 640 by 384 pixels: a total of 241,913 pixels (10 km by 10 km each)



48 Countries in Western and Central Europe

# Computation of the global horizontal irradiance available on ground

Use of the clear sky index (Modified Heliosat method)

$$\begin{split} k_{cloudless} &= \frac{Eeg}{Eeg_{cloudless}} \\ n &\leq -0.2 \quad k_{cloudless} = 1.2 \\ n &> -0.2 \quad \& \quad n \leq 0.8 \quad k_{cloudless} = 1 - n \\ n &> 0.8 \quad \& \quad n \leq 1.1 \quad k_{cloudless} = 2.0667 - 3.6667n + 1.6667n^2 \\ n &> 1.1 \quad k_{cloudless} = 0.05 \end{split}$$

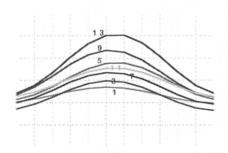
References: Heliosat (Cano, Beyer), Cloudless (Kasten, Dumortier)

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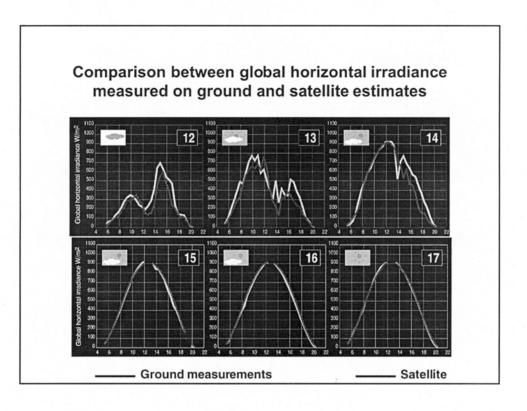
# Monthly turbidity variations

Model based on monthly values from ESRA stations

13 zones of turbidity variations

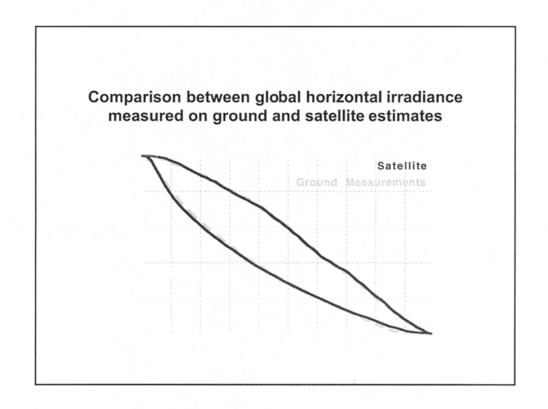


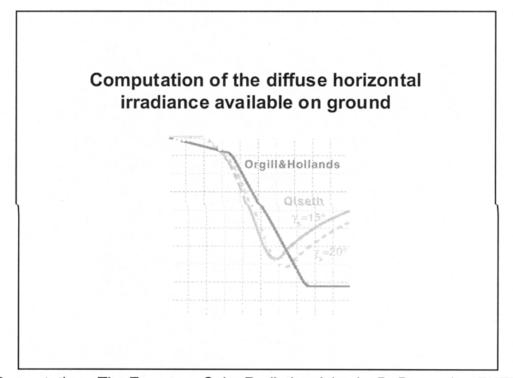




# Comparison between global horizontal irradiance measured on ground and satellite estimates

| Gävle (Sweden)          | mbe:-1% | rmse:26% |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|
| Nantes (France)         | mbe:-1% | rmse:33% |
| Genève (Switzerland)    | mbe:-2% | rmse:32% |
| Vaulx-en-Velin (France) | mbe:-1% | rmse:34% |
| Lisbon (Portugal)       | mbe:-2% | rmse:21% |





### Computation of additional parameters

Based on global and diffuse horizontal irradiances

Illuminances (Olseth/Skartveit luminous efficacy model)

Irradiances and illuminances on tilted planes

(Hay model modified by Olseth and Skartveit)

Sky luminances (Perez sky luminance model)



# The Web server development

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The server is developed entirely in Java, on a Sun

Workstation Ultra 10/300 with 40 Go storage capacity

#### Web server database

Two years of cloud index values for 241,913 pixels

(computed from Meteosat images - PostGres SQL)

Preprocessed statistical results as maps

(to speed up map creation - Unix binary files)

An altitude database

(the average over a 5 ' by 5 ' area)

A database of 750,000 geographic names

(with latitude, longitude)



The server is still in development.

It will open officially on June 1, 1999

http://satellight.entpe.fr

Ready for a quick tour of the server!